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C O N F I D E N T I A L HAVANA 0650

DEPT FOR ARA/CCA

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: CASC CPAS CGEN ASEC PINS CU CA JM
SUBJ: MOVEMENT TO THIRD COUNTRY OF AMCIT FUGITIVES IN CUBA

REF: A. HAVANA 648 B. STATE 63014 C. MONTREAL 487 D. KINGSTON 2350

1. IN 10 MARCH MEETING WITH IMMIGRATION HOUSE OFFICERS, CONOFF
RAISED POSSIBLE OPTIONS INVOLVING DIRECT OR INDIRECT CHARTERS TO
US. UNEQUIVOCAL RESPONSE WAS THAT ANY TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS
INCONSISTENT WITH THIRD COUNTRY APPROACH MUST BE PUT TO MINREX
FOR CONSIDERATION. RATHER THAN ATTEMPT TO MODIFY TERMS SET DOWN
BY MINREX ON 14 FEBRUARY, URGE DEPT AND JUSTICE CONCENTRATE EFFORTS
ON MOVING SIX ON REGULAR CUBANA COMMERCIAL FLIGHT TO WILLING
THIRD COUNTRY. CANADA CLEARLY UNWILLING. ESPECIALLY AFTER
EVENTS 9 MARCH, SEE NO REASON TO CONSIDER AIR CANADA CHARTER
OPTION.

2. ANY ATTEMPT TO MODIFY TERMS SET DOWN BY GOC WOULD RESULT IN
FURTHER LOSS OF TIME, UNCERTAINTY, ILL FEELING AND POSSIBLE
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FAILURE IN A SITUATION THAT HAS ALREADY BECOME AN EMBARRASSMENT
TO ALL CONCERNED.

3. JAMAICANS WERE WILLING TO COOPERATE IN CASE OF ABORTED MOVEMENT
OF GRANT ON 7 MARCH AND USINT HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THEY WOULD
NOT BE HELPFUL IN NEW ATTEMPT. IN HOPE THAT JAMAICA COULD SERVE
AS TRANSIT COUNTRY, USINT HAS WAIT LISTED GRANT, WITT, BROOKS,

MASON, LUGO, AND RIVERO ON 16 MARCH CUBANS FLT 456 TO KINGSTON
AND IS PREPARED TO RAISE MATTER WITH JAMAICAN EMBASSY IN HAVANA
IF DEPT AND KINGSTON CONCUR. IF JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES WILLING,
DEPT/JUSTICE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER USG CHARTER TO MOVE SUBJECTS
ON TO U.S.

4.PREFER TO MOVE SIX HIJACKERS SUCCESSFULLY BEFORE CONCENTRATING
ON DAVIS AND REED (JENNINGS) FAMILIES AND OTHER PENDING HIJACKERS.
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